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For : FILTRATION METHOD AND FILTER
CONSISTING OF NITROGEN-
CONTAINING CYCLES OR
HETEROCYCLES SUCH AS DNA OR
RNA NOTABLY FOR FILTERING
TOBACCO SMOKE AND A CIGARETTE
INCLUDING SUCH A FILTER

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PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

Please additionally amend the above-identified
application as follows:IN THE CLAIMSPlease additionally amend ~~claims 13~~ and 16 as follows:B¹ 13. (Twice Amended) The filter according to claim 4, such that
one or more acid functions is added to at least one molecule of
the active ingredient.B² 16. (Twice Amended) The filter according to claim 4, such that
the active ingredient includes a halogen salt medium.

Please add the following claim 29: